

REMARKS

Allowance of the presently presented claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Independent Claim 15, and Claims 2-9 which ultimately depend therefrom, were indicated allowable in the January 27, 2011 Notice of Allowance. These claim have not been amended and therefore clearly remain allowable.

Independent Claim 16, and Claims 17-24 which ultimately depend therefrom, were also indicated allowable. The Claim 16 recitation regarding the dielectric backing film having a thickness of less than or equal to 200 μm has been moved to dependent Claim 25. Accordingly, Claim 25 is clearly allowable. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 16-24 also remain allowable. In particular, as discussed in the November 11, 2010 response, neither Yen nor Tetaka disclose, in a single operation, increasing the thickness of a dielectric backing film including a microcircuit at least in the area of contact pads of the microcircuit, so as to have a thickness that conforms to the USB Standard.

New independent Claim 26 corresponds to Claim 16 except that it refers to an insulating substrate rather than a dielectric backing film (which is itself a type of insulating substrate). Applicants respectfully submit that new independent Claim 26 is also allowable. For example, neither Yen nor Tetaka disclose, in a single operation, increasing the thickness of an insulating substrate including a microcircuit at least in the area of contact pads of the microcircuit, so as to have a thickness that conforms to the USB Standard.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. However, should any questions arise in connection with

this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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